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PW Labor

- Between 1945 and 1951 the work of German, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, and Rumanian PWs was divided into four categories: building, factory work, mining, and forestry. The Gospromstroy (state industrial construction) office directed the construction of barracks, administrative quarters, and large factories, of which the last were built on the sites of factories demolished during World War II. Many German PWs served as laborers and technicians in jet aircraft factories to the north.

Port of Sevastopol

- During the period between May 1945 and May 1948 [redacted] PW labor repaired three dry docks and constructed several new factories in the port area. Seventy-five percent of the machinery in the factories, which from the outside resembled ordinary dwellings, consisted of dismantled German equipment. A smithy in the factory area had eight one-to three-ton pneumatic hammers, 25 meters high, measuring 80 by 40 meters. The adjacent ship repair yard contained three slipways 120 meters long and 40 meters wide. It also had 15-ton bridge cranes, furnaces, many sheet metal cutters, and pressing machines. There were railroad tracks in the area.
- A three-story tool factory in the port was equipped with small lathes. All the machinery in the electric plant, a two-story building 80 by 15 meters, with a basement, was German. The machines in a woodworking plant, which was two stories high and contained elevators, were of British manufacture; numbered among them were lathes, transformers, and a central furnace. The building also had steam, oil, and gas pipes.
- A mine net protected Inkerman Bay, the largest inlet to Sevastopol.¹ A seaplane base was located on the north coast of this bay, where there was also provision for mine storage. Ammunition, torpedo, and food stores were strung along the south bank, off which was stationed a submarine tender of Rumanian manufacture. PWs rebuilt approximately twelve large buildings of an old training school located on top of a hill

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overlooking this bay. Each of these buildings had antiaircraft guns on its roof; small-caliber, long-range guns in swivel turrets on a nearby plateau protected the bay.

- 25X1 5. Sevastopol was the home port for the following ships: the cruisers SEVASTOPOL, MOLOTOV, and VOROSHILOV; the training ship VOLGA; from eight to twelve destroyers; a similar number of smaller craft; and approximately 20 submarines. [REDACTED] the SEVASTOPOL
25X1 [REDACTED] slanted funnels and [REDACTED] the MOLOTOV and VOROSHILOV were more modern.²
25X1 They each displaced an estimated 15,000 tons and possessed mine-laying gear and anti-aircraft batteries.³ The submarines and small craft were thought to be mostly of German and Italian origin. The headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief of the Black Sea Fleet, a vice-admiral, were located in Sevastopol.

Port of Balaklava

- 25X1 6. The entrance to the bay of Balaklava (N 44-30, E 33-35) [REDACTED]
25X1 [REDACTED] was very narrow. The bay could accommodate from 20 to 25 submarines.
25X1 [REDACTED] there were workshops in the port area. [REDACTED]

PW Labor at Krasnoarmeysk

7. PW labor at Krasnoarmeysk (N 48-31, E 44-34) from September 1948 to May 1949 consisted of the construction of concentration camps and preliminary work on the Volga-Don Canal, involving mainly the building of roads and two railroad storage yards. The prisoners labored in temperatures of -30 to -35°C.

Industries at Voronezh

- 25X1 8. [REDACTED] Voronezh, where the PWs built a large
25X1 foundry for [REDACTED] the Kalinin Pneumatic Hammer Factory.⁴ The foundry was 160 meters long, 80 meters wide, and 25 meters high. It consisted of five halls supported by 178 eighteen-ton columns. Fifteen bridge cranes, the largest of which weighed 50 tons, operated in this factory. Many driers and ovens were constructed and
25X1 three railroad lines were installed in the factory area. [REDACTED] many large factories were operative in Voronezh, the largest of which manufactured excavation machinery.⁴ A jet aircraft base was located near the city.

25X1 [REDACTED] Comments.

- 25X1 1. [REDACTED] Severnyy Roadstead, the largest inlet to Sevastopol,
25X1 which reportedly has a seaplane base on its north coast. Inkerman Valley leads to the inlet [REDACTED]
2. The SEVASTOPOL is a battleship with one vertical funnel.
3. The MOLOTOV and VOROSHILOV reportedly displace approximately 8,600 tons apiece.
25X1 4. The industrial complex [REDACTED] might be the Kalinin Armament Plant, which manufactures, among other items, excavation machinery and miscellaneous industrial tools.

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